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CONGRESS DECLARES U. S. AT WAR WITH AXIS POWERS

U. S. Bombs Big Jap Battleship

29,000-Ton Craft Afire, Sinks Off Northern Luzon

Situation In Philippines "Completely In Hand," Army Spokesman Says; Developments During Last 24 Hours Described As Of Minor Importance.

Other Attempts By Nipponese To Gain Foothold On Isle Fail

America's Armed Forces Score Triumphs In Air And
On Land; Withering Fire Poured Into Landing
Parties On Beaches Around Linagayan.

MANILA, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—America's men at arms, defending the Philippines, scored air and land triumphs today over the Japanese.

A United States bombing plane wreaked fire and destruction on one of Nippon's battleships while combined American and Philippine troops blasted a major invasion attempt.

Roaring out of tropical skies, the plane scored three direct bomb hits on the 29,000-ton dreadnaught of the Mikuma class, leaving it burning fiercely off Northern Luzon.

After pouring a withering fire into Japanese landing parties on beaches around Linagayan, in Northern Luzon, an Army communiqué said that the detachments now "are being disposed of and mopping up operations are in progress."

In the fight between the plane and the battleship, the American bombs not only razed the craft's decks but punched at it below the water line when two high explosives landed close alongside.

As they disappeared over the horizon, the tanks across looked back and said that "they had now won the enemy battleship." It was lit by great sheets of flame.

Ship In The Harbor.

IA Reuters dispatch from Manila identified the burning Japanese vessel as the 29,000-ton battleship Haruna, and said it was the fourth escort of Luzon.

The Haruna, a Kongo class warship completed in 1918, carries a complement of 800 officers and men. Built in 1908, it is armed with eight 14-inch guns, sixteen 6-inch guns, twelve smaller weapons and four submerged 21-inch torpedo tubes.

Reuters said three ships were accounted the Haruna, and that the attacking planes reported "it was burning terribly."

The spectacular fight, marking so far as is known the most successful American attack on Japanese naval forces, took place in the Pacific about ten miles northeast of the northern coast of the Island of Luzon, the site in the Philippines of the City of Manila and the U. S. Naval Base of Cavite.

At other points on the north coast of Luzon Japanese landing attempts were either broken up or postponed because of the air or naval by shore defense on the ground. Referring to this trust, an Army spokesman said:

"Situation In Hand."

The situation is completely in hand and there have been no major developments since yesterday, with the exception of a light attack by ground troops in the vicinity of Linagayan, (Province of Pangasinan). This was reported by a division of the Philippine Army.

A statement issued shortly after word said:

"There were no further developments in the situation in Northern Luzon. The enemy detachments which landed on the Linagayan coast are being disposed of and mopping up operations are in progress."

Three aerial sorties were mounted in Manila today, but no bombs were dropped. The first warplane came at 12:30 a.m., with the all clear at 1:30 a.m., the second between 3:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., and the third briefly at noon when single plane was observed overhead. All enemy craft appeared to be on scouting missions.

Our scouting planes took to the air during the noon raids and are reported to have kept separation of Japanese boats away from Manila, an Army spokesman said. The enemy aircraft were reported turned (Continued on Page 16, Column 3).

Restrictions Taken From Army Service

Congress Passes Bill Permitting U. S. Troops To Be Sent Anywhere.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—The Senate and House today passed a resolution sending the draft law to allow American troops to be used anywhere in the world while existing selective service headquarters agreed it was considering raising an Army of 4,000,000 men immediately.

The Senate vote was 86 to 6.

The House vote was by voice with a roll call.

The bill now goes to the White House.

The action was taken shortly after Congress passed resolutions recognizing a state of war with Germany and Italy as well as Japan. The measure removes all restrictions against use of selective and National Guardsmen outside of the Western Hemisphere. It also keeps all selected and Guardsmen in the Army until six months after end of the war.

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Enraged Persons Cut Down Jap Cherry Tree



One of the Japanese cherry trees which line the Tidal Basin in Washington, D. C., was cut down by persons enraged over Jap attacks on Hawaii. On one of the stumps was the inscription, "To hell with those Japs." In the background stands the Jefferson Memorial.

WAR BULLETINS

MANILA, Dec. 11.—(A.P.)—The Philippine Army was reported officially but reliably tonight to have recaptured the region around Aparri, on the north coast of Luzon, and to be driving the Japanese back to the seaward.

It was noted, however, that the source of the report is "probably accurate."

Authorities also said they had no new information regarding the French West African port of Dakar, but said they thought Dakar "might easily go the way of Bizerte."

MANILA, 1:30 a.m., Dec. 11.—(A.P.)—A war correspondent today said that there were "no new developments" in connection with the Japanese landing forces in Northern Luzon province.

MANILA, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—Japanese army detachments that landed on the coast of Northern Luzon in the Lingayen area "are being disposed of," an official Army statement said today. Mopping-up operations are in progress, the statement added.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—A Reuters (British) dispatch from Manila said today it was reported Japan parachute troops landed at an airport six miles from Iligan on Luzon Island in the Philippines.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—An official British announcement said today more than 2,000 survivors have been rescued from the sunken British battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse.

(This number would be approximately two-thirds the total complements of the two ships.)

(A British radio broadcast heard by CBS said the commander of the Repulse, Capt. W. G. Tearant, was reported among the survivors.)

TOKYO, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—Tokyo and surrounding villages were ordered blacked out by military authorities today.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—Reuters (British) News Agency today quoted a German (D.N.B.) dispatch from Shanghai saying strong detachments of heavy Japanese tanks have landed at Kuastan on the eastern coast of Malaya, about midway between Singapore and the Thailand border.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—A Japanese war communiqué announced 45 American planes were shot down in combat over Manila yesterday, according to a German (D.N.B.) News Agency dispatch quoted by Reuters (British) News Agency today.

This version of the Japanese announcement said it was claimed 36 other American planes were destroyed on the ground.

It added that an American destroyer, a submarine and another ship were destroyed by direct hits on Hawaii, according to the Tokyo war bulletin.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(A.P.)—The Berlin radio today quoted the Japanese as saying the American aircraft carrier Lexington had

TOKYO, Dec. 11.—(Official radio received by A.P.)—A Japanese army communiqué declared Japanese landing forces occupied the capital of Guam today, capturing 350 Americans including Capt. George G. McMillan, Governor and other offices.

Germany And Italy Are Named Foes As Asked By President Roosevelt

Fuehrer Makes Address To Reichstag And Mussolini Echoes His Words In Rome; Germany Will Strike First Blow, Promise Made To People By Nazi Leaders.

Hitler Says Obligations To The Japanese Will Be Kept

Congress Loses Little Time In Acting On Request From President Roosevelt For All-Out Strife Between America And Axis Powers; No Vote In Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The United States today went to war against Germany and Italy, making it an all-out battle against the Axis, including Japan.

President Roosevelt sent to Congress his second war message within 70 hours and the legislators snapped through resolutions recognizing existence of hostilities with Germany and Italy.

Notification of German and Italian declarations of war against the United States reached the State Department respectively, at 9:25 and 9:50 a.m. (EST) today.

Congress received Mr. Roosevelt's message at 12:24 p.m., and adopted appropriate war resolutions by 1:04 p.m.

"The long known and the long expected has thus taken place," the President told Congress in a message read separately by clerks in each House.

"The forces endeavoring to enslave the entire world are now moving toward this hemisphere."

We went to war unanimously this time. There were no dissenting votes to either war resolution, although Rep. Jeanette Rankin, (R., Montana), voted "present" instead of "yes" or "no." She voted against the Japanese war resolution on December 8.

The Senate jolted the German resolution through 88-to-0 and voted 90-to-0 for war with Italy. The House vote on Germany was 399-to-0, with Miss Rankin voting "present."

Fast move in the Atlantic may be a race for bases of neutral islands which Germany or Italy could use as bases for aerial attack against the richest and most populous seaboard in the world—the Atlantic Coast of the United States.

Among the islands which lie far out as stepping stones for hostile attack on North, South or Central America are the Canaries, which belong to Spain, and the Azores and Cape Verde Islands, which are Portuguese.

And within our own hemisphere are islands belonging to Vichy France, notably the island of Martinique in the West Indies where the French gold hoard is cached. The aircraft carrier Bear and a French cruiser also lie there and on the flying fields are many American planes which were en route to France when that country fell in June, 1940.

The formalities to be completed after action by Congress include only signature of the resolutions by Speaker Sam Rayburn and Vice-President Henry A. Wallace before submitting them to the White House for Mr. Roosevelt to sign.

But the war wheels were moving with the first word from abroad that Germany and Italy had come in to help Japan.

Roosevelt's Message.
In his message to Congress regarding the war declarations President Roosevelt said:

"On the morning of December 11, the Government of Germany, purusing its course of world conquest, declared war against the United States."

"The long known and the long expected has taken place. The forces endeavoring to enslave the entire world now are moving towards this hemisphere."

"Never before has there been a greater challenge to life, liberty and civilization."

"Today invites greater dangers. Rapid and united effort by all of the people of the world who are determined to remain free will ensure a world victory of the cause of justice and of righteousness over the forces of savagery and of barbarity."

"Italy also has declared war against the United States."

"Therefore, request the Congress to recognize a state of war between the United States and Germany, and between the United States and Italy."

AXIS DECLARATES WAR.

Berlin Says Germany Will Strike The First Blow Against U. S.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—German radio recorded by United Press at New York—Germany and Italy have declared war against the United States and Britain.

INDIANA. Cloudy and warmer tonight and Friday. Following by some Friday.

LOUISIANA. Partly cloudy to night. Friday cloudy followed by rain in afternoon or at night; we decided to go to the beach Saturday.

MISSOURI. Partly cloudy Saturday.

NEW YORK. Partly cloudy Saturday.

OHIO. Partly cloudy Saturday evening; not so cool in west and south portions; tonight some with slight rain.

PENNSYLVANIA. Partly cloudy Saturday.

TEXAS. Partly cloudy Saturday.

WISCONSIN. Partly cloudy Saturday.